



## **State Legislative Update for the Week of January 5 – 9, 2015**

The 2015 Legislative Session convened at 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, January 6, 2015.

### **Senate Session**

The Senate elected Sandra Pappas as President of the Senate, passed Senate Resolution (S.R.) 1 naming Thomas Bakk as Senate Majority Leader and David Hann as Senate Minority Leader, passed S.R. 2 adopting temporary rules for the 89<sup>th</sup> session and S.R. 3 listing the Senate standing committees and membership.

### **House Session**

The House of Representatives elected Kurt Daudt (R) as Speaker of the House, the members-elect subscribed to the oath of office and the Temporary Permanent Rules of the House were adopted for this session. The Republicans hold the majority with 72 members, while the DFL has 62 members.

***Thursday, January 8, 2015***

### **Senate Session**

Bill introductions of veterans interest:

#### **Senator Saxhaug introduced:**

**SF 7:** A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for a new veterans nursing home in Bemidji; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

#### **Senators Gazelka, Rest, Ruud, Ortman and Anderson introduced:**

**SF 40:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; individual income; providing a subtraction for military retirement pay; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 290.01, subdivision 19b; 290.091, subdivision 2. Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

#### **Senator Schmit introduced;**

**Senate Resolution No. 12:** A Senate resolution recognizing the dedication of the Highway 60 bridge spanning the Mississippi River in Wabasha in honor of Sergeant Michael Duane Clickner. Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

## **House Session**

Bill introductions of veterans interest:

**Wills, Dettmer, Persell, Pugh, Kresha, Uglem, Gruenhagen, Heintzeman, Nash, Scott, Quam, Urdahl, Selcer and Bernardy introduced:**

**HF 10:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; providing a veterans jobs tax credit; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 290.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Veterans Affairs Division.

**Anzelc and Persell introduced:**

**HF 25:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; individual income; allowing a subtraction for military retirement pay; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 290.01, subdivision 19b; 290.091, subdivision 2.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Veterans Affairs Division.

**Persell; Murphy, M., and Murphy, E. introduced:**

**HF 54:** A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for a new veterans nursing home in Bemidji; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State Government Finance.

## **Upcoming Committee Hearings of Veterans Interest Week of January 12 – 16, 2015**

### **Monday, January 12**

Committee: House Veterans Affairs Division

Chair: Rep. Bob Dettmer

Room: 200 State Office Building

Time: 12:30 PM

Agenda:

Agency Overviews

Department of Military Affairs – Don Kerr, Executive Director

Department of Veterans Affairs – Mike McElhiney, Legislative Director; Brad

Lindsay, Acting Deputy Commissioner; John Powers, Finance Director

### **Thursday, January 15**

Committee: Senate Tax Reform Division

Chair: Senator Ann Rest

Room: 15 Capitol

Time: 9:00 AM

Agenda:

SF 40 (Gazelka): Income tax subtraction for military retirement pay.